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NIS COMMITTEE MEETING NO. 113

25 September 1951

1. The following were present:

Dr. Appleton	State
Mr. Clinton	State
Lt. Col. Kiel	Army
Capt. Kirten	Navy
Lieut. Jones	Navy
25X1A [redacted]	Air Force
[redacted]	CIA (Chairman)

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2. Copies of the revised list of contributors' statements were distributed to the members for final approval at the next meeting. At that time members are to indicate the number of copies required by their agencies.

3. The Chairman read a memorandum from the Deputy AC of S, G-2, dated 20 September 1951, which granted authority to the NIS Committee to screen NIS on the USSR and the Soviet Satellites and to make recommendations to the ad hoc Committee of the JIC for release of this material to the international staff of SHAPE. It is understood that this material will receive a [redacted] classification and have removed from it all "Comments on Principal Sources."

The Chairman then read a draft proposal to the Committee setting forth procedures for implementing this screening process, as follows:

1. The IAC agreed on 19 July 1951 that G-2, using a JIC Committee, will suggest which NIS sections on the USSR and Soviet Satellites should be released to the international staff of SHAPE on a need-to-know basis, and will check this recommendation with State and CIA.

2. The JIC Committee recommended that the NIS Committee receive and consolidate the recommendations for release to SHAPE submitted by the various agencies contributing to NIS, and forward them to the JIC Committee. By reference, the Department of the Army granted authority to the NIS Committee to screen all future published NIS.

3. It will therefore be necessary for each Intelligence Agency to indicate whether or not the relevant NIS sections which it produces should be released to the international staff of SHAPE, in one of three categories: a not releasable b releasable to Key officials; g releasable to all staff officers of SHAPE.

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4. The statement of release should be attached as a covering memorandum to each contribution transmitted to CIA. The chapter coordinators for VII and IX should obtain the views of the contributing agencies in determining releasability of these chapters. [REDACTED] will prepare release statements for Sections 56.

5. A list will shortly be furnished NIS Committee members containing relevant NIS sections already transmitted to CIA. A release statement will be required of the responsible agencies on these sections in order to bring this procedure up to date.

The Chairman distributed copies of a list of those NIS Sections which had been received in CIA and for which statements of release would be required of the responsible agencies. The Committee approved the procedures and agreed to implement them forthwith. It was emphasized that these procedures concerned only NIS on the USSR and Soviet Satellites in the European Theatre.

4. The Committee discussed at some length ways and means of stabilizing NIS production. The Army member reported that he had submitted a memorandum to AC of S, G-2, to determine his views on a centralized fiscal support by CIA with related T/O's which would provide for stability of NIS Staffs within the Armed Forces Agencies.

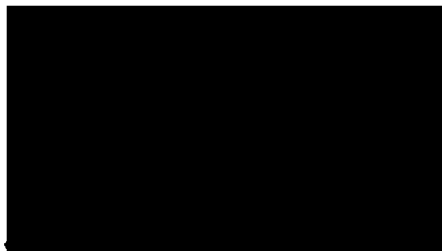
The Navy member pointed out that the DNI had raised the question at a recent IAC meeting of the contradiction between the SecDef's directive to the Armed Forces Agencies requiring stabilized NIS production at the 8 NIS-a-year level and the Department of Defense directive for a 5% across-the-board reduction of personnel which also blocked many unfilled NIS slots only recently authorized. The Navy member said he was preparing a draft memorandum outlining this situation which, upon being coordinated with the other Services, would be submitted to the DCI for transmittal to the Secretary of Defense.

The Committee agreed to continue to explore various means of stabilizing NIS capabilities, since the developments of the past few months are resulting in a serious production situation for which some solution must be found.

5. Concern was expressed by the Chairman over the lack of effective coordination for Chapter VI (Economic). Recently, sections of Chapter VI on NIS 86 were found by D/B to be in disagreement on fundamental issues which should have been resolved before transmittal to CIA. The State member was requested to examine the difficulties with a view to substantial improvement in this situation.

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6. The next meeting of the NIS Committee will be held at 1000 hours on Tuesday, 2 October 1951.



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